report of the Central Team has been considered by the Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) on 26th November 2009 and thereafter, is to be placed before High Level Committee (HCL) for approval of assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

With regard to drought 2009, an Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the affected areas for an on-the-spot assessment on 3rd -6th November, 2009. IMG will consider the report of the Inter-Ministerial Central Team shortly, and thereafter, it will be placed before High Level Committee (HLC) for approval of assistance from NCCF.

Provident card number

1470. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decision of Labour Standing Committee and Indian Labour Conference for giving one provident card number to each beneficiaries could not be implemented; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) earlier planned the allotment of a unique Provident Fund number called the Social Security Number (SSN) for members/subscribers of EPFO.

The project under which the Social Security Number was initially planned has since been reviewed and a revised project implementation plan has been developed in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC). It is currently being implemented since April, 2008. Under, the revised strategy a de-centralised approach has been adopted with member-databases and application with each office of EPFO and hence Provident Fund Card number *i.e.* SSN is not mandatory for getting services from EPFO and existing numbers itself will be sufficient for obtaining the services. However, after computerisation of all the offices of EPFO in this first phase of modernisation project, the provision of unique Provident Fund number will be restored in the second phase of the project.

Implementation of RSBY in A.P.

1471. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh has not initiated the process of implementation of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) for families of unorganized sector workers under BPL category;

(b) whether it is also a fact that not even a single Smart Card has been issued to any BPL family in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the reasons behind (a) and (b) above; and

(d) the efforts his Ministry is making to persuade the State Government to immediately implement the scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) As the State Government is implementing its own health insurance scheme, namely Rajiv Gandhi Arogysri Community Health Insurance Scheme, the State Government has not yet implemented the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana. Therefore, no smart card has been issued to any BPL family in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) The benefits of the scheme have been explained to all State Governments including Andhra Pradesh. However, it is for the State Government to take a decision in this regard.

Violation of labour laws by cement plants

†1472. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the complaints have been received against management and contractors of cement production plants for violation of labour laws during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the said contractors for the protection of interest of labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) The Central Government has delegated powers under Section 39 of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to the State Governments in respect of the Cement Plants, and as such no complaint in the form of Industrial Dispute is received by the Central Government. However, complaints are received from alleged violation of the provisions of the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970. The details of complaints received against the management and contractors in last three years are as under:-

2006-07	29
2007-08	31
2008-09	26

(c) To protect the interest of contract labour in central sphere, the officers of Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) conduct regular inspections and action is taken against the defaulter

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi